

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~--3. A magneto-optical recording medium comprising:
a readout layer, which has an in-plane magnetization at
room temperature range, and which changes to a perpendicular
magnetization in a temperature range above room temperature;
a recording layer having a perpendicular magnetization in
a temperature range between room temperature and its Curie
temperature; wherein the reproducing layer is magnetically
coupled to the recording layer by magneto-static coupling.~~

4. A magneto-optical recording medium according to claim
3, further comprising:
an intermediate layer, wherein the intermediate layer is
interposed between said reproducing and recording layers.

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